

## State Water Resources Control Board

March 30, 2015

ExxonMobil Environmental Services  
Attention: Ms. Jennifer Sedlachek  
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Dear Ms. Sedlachek:

### CLOSURE DENIAL REVIEW FOR PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE, FORMER EXXON 7-0200, 1894 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, BERKELEY, ALAMEDA COUNTY

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution No. 2012-0062 requires that State Water Board staff review a lead agency's decision when the lead agency has denied a request by a responsible party for an underground storage tank (UST) case closure pursuant to the Low-Threat UST Case Closure Policy (Policy).

The subject case has the following identification numbers:

- State Water Board, GeoTracker No. T0600101888
- San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Francisco Bay Water Board), Case No. 01-2043
- City of Berkeley, Case No. TT01-2043

The State Water Board reviewed the closure request dated March 19, 2014 and responses from the San Francisco Bay Water Board. After careful consideration of the GeoTracker record, State Water Board staff agrees with the San Francisco Bay Water Board staff determination that all of the General Criteria have not been met. Based on information in the above-referenced case file, State Water Board finds that this site does not meet the following General Criteria:

- General Criteria b – The unauthorized release consists only of petroleum.

Remedial actions were performed at the site from July 2004 until February 2010. Soil and groundwater remediation were effective in decreasing concentrations of petroleum constituents. A subsequent soil vapor investigation was performed in August 2010. Concentrations of tetrachloroethene (PCE) in vapor sampling well SVS1A were 8,700 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) at 4.5 feet beneath the site. This concentration exceeds the San Francisco Bay Water Board environmental screening level for PCE of 2,100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  in soil vapor for commercial land use sites, and is too high for the on-site food shop.

PCE in soil and groundwater continue to pose a threat to human health, safety, and the environment. Criteria for Policy UST case closure have not been met and therefore, closure of the UST case is not appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. George Lockwood at (916) 341-5752 or [George.Lockwood@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:George.Lockwood@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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